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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FROM CAMBODIANS FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF AND
ASYLUM

REFS: A. PARIS 11278; B. PARIS 10972; C. STATE 104940;

D. STATE 96189; E. PARIS 10876

1. RE REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM CAMBODIAN STUDENTS AND FEW OTHERS IN FRANCE REPORTED
EMBTELS, AS WELL AS FROM THOSE WHO MAY APPLY IN FUTURE,
NO ENCOURAGEMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN THEM THAT USG WILL EITHER
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PROVIDE SUPPORT OR AUTHORIZE THEIR ENTRY INTO US. SINCE

GOF WILLING ALLOW CAMBODIANS ALREADY IN FRANCE TO REMAIN THERE, THEY DO NOT FACE FORCIBLE EXPULSION WHICH IS ONE OF CRITERIA SET BY CONGRESS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION INTO US. ANOTHER APPLICABLE CONGRESSIONAL CRITERION IS THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO RESETTLE REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH FRANCE IS A PRIME CANDIDATE, BEFORE THEY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO US. MOREOVER, IN PRACTICAL TERMS, WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT MOST FRENCH-SPEAKING CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE WILL HAVE AN EASIER TIME RESETTLING AND FINDING JOBS THERE THAN THEY WOULD IN US. IN VIEW OF GOF POLICY OF TOLERANCE TOWARD CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, WE BELIEVE THEIR PLIGHT IS MUCH LESS CRITICAL THAN

THAT OF OTHER CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND AND ELSEWHERE.

2. CASE FOR FORMER GKR OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH AGAIN WE ARE IMPRESSED BY FRENCH WILLINGNESS ALLOW THEM REMAIN. NEVERTHELESS, THERE MAY BE SOME WHO FEEL THREATENED BY GRUNK IN FRANCE AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE BETTER REASONS TO SEEK HELP FROM USG. AS NOTED STATE 104940, WE ARE STILL TRYING TO REACH SOLUTION TO WORLDWIDE PROBLEM OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS. KISSINGER

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